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SUBJ: PROPOSED US-ROMANIAN POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AGREEMENT

REF: BUCHAREST 5464

1. ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS HAS INDICATED DESIRE TO INITIATE TALKS LEADING TO COMPREHENSIVE BILATERAL POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT. MINISTRY IS ALREADY POLLING ROMANIAN POSTAL AND COMMUNICATIONS AGENCIES FOR SUGGESTIONS THAT WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO DRAFT AGREEMENT BUT HAS INDICATED IT WOULD LIKE US PROPOSALS ON FORM AND SUBSTANCE BEFORE DRAFT WILL BE PASSED TO EMBASSY FOR OUR REACTION. SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT BALASOIU VISIT THIS MONTH (REFTEL) MIGHT PROVIDE OCCASION FOR INITIAL EXPLORATORY TALKS ON FORM AGREEMENT MIGHT TAKE.

2. PROPOSED AGREEMENT, AS ENVISAGED BY ROMANIANS, WOULD UPDATE AND CONSOLIDATE EXISTING AGREEMENTS, SUCH AS 1937 AGREEMENT ON POSTAL MONEY ORDERS; ESTABLISH RATES AND PROCEDURES NOT COVERED BY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION; AND SERVE AS ADDITIONAL SYMBOL
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OF EXPANDING US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS (HIGH-LEVEL SIGNING IS

CONTEMPLATED). ALL FORMS OF COMMUNICATION WOULD BE COVERED: MAIL, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, TELEX, RADIO/TV, AND SATELLITE TRANSMISSIONS. MINISTRY ALSO DESIRES INCLUDE LANGUAGE CREATING FRAMEWORK FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN THESE AREAS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SUFFICIENT TIME REMAINS TO ARRANGE VERY GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT DURING BALASOIU'S WASHINGTON VISIT.
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